

MTC Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee
Work Plan 2007-09
Update for 2008-09

The 2007-09 EDAC Work Plan outlines EDAC's work tasks and goals from September 2007 to July 2009. This update to the work plan outlines the plans for fiscal year 2008-09.

EDAC's overarching goal is to advise MTC on transportation policies and services that affect older adults and persons with disabilities in the Bay Area. They use the following process to achieve the tasks:

- Work with EDAC's staff liaison to identify the best sources of information on targeted topics;
- Draft positions and recommendations through subcommittees for approval by full EDAC. Work with staff to finalize each position or recommendation before discussion and approval by EDAC;
- Submit approved positions and recommendations to the Commission by sending written memos through MTC staff. As needed, EDAC will follow-up by appearing in-person before the appropriate MTC committee. EDAC members will work with staff on presentation approaches.

Goals

1. 2009 Regional Transportation Plan: Work toward improving the status of the elderly and persons with disabilities in the upcoming long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The desired results are: (a) creating goals geared toward elderly and disabled persons, specifically ensuring that the following areas are addressed: accessible transportation, accessible transit oriented developments, transportation safety, and emergency planning for vulnerable populations and (b) **ensuring an appropriate level of funding for needed programs.**

2007-09 Actions:

- Work with MTC staff during the RTP planning process, ensuring that the above goal is carried out throughout the 18-month RTP planning process. *Update: EDAC has been a vocal and effective member of the Joint Advisor Workshop process. Mobility Management was suggested as a project under Lifeline, and MTC will begin planning of the project, including assistance with the development of a white paper and event on the topic.*

2. Improve coordination of transportation resources: Work with social service agencies, faith-based groups, senior services, disabled services, transit agencies and others to improve mobility for the elderly beyond ADA paratransit services. *Update: Renew commitment to continue this effort via work on Mobility Management.*

2007-09 Actions:

- Work with MTC staff to ensure that recommendations from the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Plan are implemented.
- Continue to keep abreast of topics related to EDAC. Share information with Committee members. Attend local meetings as appropriate.

3. Older driver issues: Increase awareness of problems facing older drivers and partner with other groups to create solutions to these issues. *Update: This topic will be morphed into new Mobility Management Subcommittee, which will begin meeting in January 2009.*

2007-09 Actions:

- Work with partners, such as senior advocacy organizations, on transition and support programs for older drivers to help them shift to other mobility means. Distribute the Mobility Matters video to senior organizations. Continue to work with MTC staff on the older driver Web page that will be hosted on the 511.org Web site.
- Keep abreast of various activities of MTC re: senior and disabled issues to ensure that the needs of the elderly and disabled

population are being addressed (e.g., CBTPs, discretionary funding, etc.).

4. Increase attention on the issues and concerns of the elderly and persons with disabilities in MTC's planning and service processes.

Update: see information below for updates to each subcommittee's goals and activities.

2007-09 Actions:

- Monitor state and federal regulations and legislation for its impact on the elderly and persons with disabilities; encourage MTC to participate in these policymaking arenas as appropriate.
- Work through the EDAC subcommittee structure on the following topic areas:

i) Transportation and Land Use

Continue work to create both internal and external accessibility standards for residences close to transit. Since much of the data-gathering work has been completed and presentations of the findings have been made, the subcommittee will begin to work with MTC staff on possible legislation and policy changes.

ii) Emergency Preparedness

See Attachment A: EDAC Policy Statement: Emergency Preparedness

iii) Pedestrian Safety

See Attachment B: EDAC Policy Statement: Pedestrian Safety

iv) Senior Drivers

This subcommittee will be morphed into a new subcommittee focused on Mobility Management in January 2009.

v) Accessible Taxis

This subcommittee will be morphed into a new subcommittee focused on Mobility Management in January 2009.

vi) Mobility Management (new subcommittee)

This subcommittee will be focused on issues related to mobility management, a new project born out of the Coordinated Plan and the Transportation 2035 Plan. The subcommittee will assist MTC staff in the development of the Mobility Management project.

vii) Technology (new subcommittee)

This subcommittee will focus on bringing attention to emerging technologies, the accessibility of those technologies and accessibility review of MTC technical projects.